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STATISTICIAN'S WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1955

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1955 -

Males - 339,171

Females - 319,367

Persons - 658,538

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1955 -

Persons - 359,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	428	414	4,207	4,259
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.58	7.55	7.68	8.00
Births - Number	1,395	1,422	13,982	13,156
* Rate per 1000 of Population	24.70	25.94	25.51	24.72
Deaths - Number	450	438	4,476	4,459
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.97	7.99	8.17	8.38
Infant - Number	28	32	294	292
Mortality Δ Rate per 1000 Live Births	20.07	22.50	21.03	22.20
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	4	4	29	49
Malignant neoplasms	68	61	609	641
Diabetes mellitus	6	7	50	46
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	1	16	15
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	58	66	522	520
Diseases of the heart	147	133	1,432	1,409
Hypertension with heart disease	10	16	122	139
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	8	6	57	73
Arteriosclerosis	11	7	124	113
Influenza	1	3	8	29
Pneumonia	17	9	168	138
Bronchitis	4	3	38	38
Other respiratory disease	9	6	50	44
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	3	25	40
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	1	19	24
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	7	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	-	16	14
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	10	59	68
Disease of the prostate	1	4	44	45
Maternal causes	3	2	11	10
Disease of early infancy	18	22	171	188
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	19	152	151
Other accidents	14	10	185	164
Suicide	9	3	66	58
All other causes	46	42	496	437
Total:	450	438	4,476	4,459

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

Δ Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1955, totalled 680,539 acres, a decrease of 312,940 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 8,387,188 acres, an increase of 2,630,575.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Revenue	£.	£.	£.	£.
	4,566,796	3,753,883	18,917,142	17,658,293
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 16. 11	5. 16. 0	28. 10. 8	27. 8. 7
Expenditure	4,268,425	3,632,207	20,934,406	18,271,898
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 8. 0	5. 12. 3	31. 11. 6	28. 7. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 30th November, 1955, amounted to £54,669,237 or £81.16.10 per head of population as against £51,348,719 or £79.5.3 per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 5 weeks ended 30th November, 1955, amounted to £14,469,671 compared with £12,803,582 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,870	2,067	8,878
	£.	2,838,552	3,069,696	12,138,626
Mortgages	No.	1,094	1,392	5,703
	£.	2,178,355	2,525,441	11,516,441
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	706	982	4,123
				5,308

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
November, 1955	£.	£.	£.	£.
	4,255,037	2,380,379	8,756,579	483,559
November, 1954	3,975,745	2,362,089	9,247,689	482,166
Five months ended November, 1955	18,472,225	12,748,645	45,304,532	2,277,577
Five months ended November, 1954	18,159,994	10,327,452	44,968,078	2,369,767

COMPANIES REGISTERED

92 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,979,000 and 40 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 113 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £20,102,500 and 44 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	29	49,115	20,817	25	53,560	22,032
Deeds of Assignment (a)	22	115,683	118,785	12	60,231	75,089
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	1	1,223	274

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) £.	1,086,300	1,055,000	4,244,800	4,058,600
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,309,638	1,134,644	4,979,959	4,615,846
Train Miles Run No.	688,085	646,104	2,745,316	2,516,570
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 127,733	(b) 133,230	(c) 470,204	(c) 514,153
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train No.	1,083,339	774,665	4,116,403	3,119,151
Motor Bus No.	27,477	31,732	109,462	121,995
SEPTEMBER /		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER /		
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods	258,902	241,858	835,531	764,717
Livestock	15,445	13,275	37,111	31,386
Departmental (Free Freight)	69,400	69,354	217,678	225,499
<u>Total:</u>	343,747	324,487	1,090,320	1,021,602
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods	43,205,143	42,061,475	141,808,417	129,128,552
Livestock	2,061,977	1,741,705	5,265,267	4,360,779
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,263,859	10,021,595	23,900,420	29,801,385
<u>Total:</u>	52,530,979	53,824,775	170,974,104	163,290,716

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 15th October.

(c) Period ended 15th October.

* Figures liable to revision.

/ Later figures not available.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1951	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106
June	571	230	1	54	970	492	5	79
July	494	207	1	51	847	478	3	87
August	593	262	-	47	953	523	-	82
September	632	222	4	62	1,067	435	10	85
October	603	218	1	53	1,038	461	5	88

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) ✓

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1954 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313
May	54,508	22,424	557	9,561	88,887	61,244	1,124	14,508
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,151	61,946	1,131	14,652
July	57,067	23,234	555	9,561	90,186	60,082	1,127	13,879
August	57,450	23,392	559	9,493	90,929	60,501	1,131	13,846
September	57,997	23,481	563	9,473	91,911	60,803	1,141	13,849
October	58,557	23,618	558	9,425	92,397	60,596	1,107	13,642

✓ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for October, 1955:-
105 Cars; 817 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Trade of Western Australia, October 1955 and 1954, and four months ended October, 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,172	3,688	16,296	16,595	7,079	8,292	20,137	19,894
Interstate	7,044	9,548	29,041	34,389	1,656	1,077	13,995	5,201
Total:	11,216	13,236	45,337	50,984	8,735	9,369	34,132	25,095

BUILDING ACTIVITY(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
<u>1955 -</u>										
March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334
June Qr.	771	2,209	1,941	5,340	33	851	229	1,260	2,974	9,660
Sept. Qr.	598	1,816	1,465	4,097	36	1,064	235	2,569	2,334	9,546

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
<u>1955 -</u>										
March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280
June Qr.	855	2,996	91	257	1,662	3,972	-	-	2,608	7,225
Sept. Qr.	734	2,692	38	103	1,176	2,810	3	6	1,951	5,611

GOLD PRODUCTION

		NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>					
Quantity	Fine ozs.	66,622	63,627	775,327	783,192
Value (Aust. Currency)*	£.	1,040,967	994,174	12,119,244	12,197,469
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	250,000	213,070	1,498,685	1,264,893

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2870	2848	2848	2767	2561	2512	2537	2412
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3070	2936	3017	2866	2502	2435	2473	2409
Northam	2928	2865	2910	2772	2511	2441	2496	2383
Bunbury	2981	2881	2927	2805	2581	2498	2550	2405
Geraldton	2990	2923	2940	2840	2702	2648	2668	2530
Collie	2987	2906	2949	2835	2374	2322	2349	2280

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115	136,357	43,878	180,235
June	134,969	42,685	177,754	136,347	43,880	180,227
July	134,232	42,947	177,179	135,696	43,901	179,597
August	134,960	42,933	177,893	135,857	43,758	179,615
September	134,947	43,186	178,133	136,616	43,913	180,529
October	135,008	43,559	178,567	136,291	43,924	180,215
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	236
June	215	211	220	230	235
July	218	211	221	229	233
August	217	212	221	229	235
September	216	211	223	228	236
October	217	212	224	230	236
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.

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Year	Decade						
8748	8748	8748	8748	8748	8748	8748	8748
8048	8048	8048	8048	8048	8048	8048	8048
7848	7848	7848	7848	7848	7848	7848	7848
7048	7048	7048	7048	7048	7048	7048	7048
6848	6848	6848	6848	6848	6848	6848	6848
0848	0848	0848	0848	0848	0848	0848	0848

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Year	Decade						
874,874	874,874	874,874	874,874	874,874	874,874	874,874	874,874
841,874	841,874	841,874	841,874	841,874	841,874	841,874	841,874
808,874	808,874	808,874	808,874	808,874	808,874	808,874	808,874
784,874	784,874	784,874	784,874	784,874	784,874	784,874	784,874
708,874	708,874	708,874	708,874	708,874	708,874	708,874	708,874
684,874	684,874	684,874	684,874	684,874	684,874	684,874	684,874
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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State											
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female									
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.									
9/8/1955	12.	12.	5	8.	4.	1	12.	11.	8	8.	3.	7	12.	14.	1	8.	5.	2

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	40,811	36,664	212,316	185,668
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	36,812	33,119	189,912	166,451

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1955	7,514	359	201,546	14,253
October, 1954	7,648	483	162,891	14,534
4 Months ended October, 1955	50,272	1,513	553,489	57,185
4 Months ended October, 1954	49,803	1,879	442,578	53,931

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try
Year 1953	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
<u>1955 -</u>										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April	472	185	159	79	631	264	11	11	188	114
May	485	162	174	71	659	233	9	5	205	97
June	486	148	175	66	661	214	8	2	215	89
July	580	156	239	84	819	240	11	3	278	127
August	573	162	186	64	759	226	9	4	212	93
September	485	151	186	80	671	231	7	8	213	115
October	495	177	176	83	671	260	4	2	214	124
Total 10 Months ended October	4,846	1,649	1,860	743	6,706	2,392	92	63	2,212	1,042

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	448	389	3,849	3,710
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	299	1,293	2,039	5,257
- Clay	'000	9,706	9,625	46,473	45,184
Enamels	gal.	5,460	4,106	42,057	17,084
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	200	231	991	1,075
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	20,403	20,740	90,782	93,768
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	717	1,053	3,960	4,969
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 20,529	(a) 19,836	(b) 82,603	(b) 78,212
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	724	933	3,679	4,102
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)	no.	241	2,379	3,387	12,656
Men's and Boys'					
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,070	6,042	21,675	26,710
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	569	1,158	2,648	4,380
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	291	397	1,411	2,258
- 2 piece	no.	2,464	1,958	10,350	10,773
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,688	3,192	18,654	24,416
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	9,951	12,219	45,454	73,516
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	28,423	35,558	145,371	188,158
Sandals	pair	24,143	28,049	76,958	91,584
Slippers	pair	40,486	31,519	161,712	210,040
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	714	829	3,140	3,294
Butter	'000 lb.	2,364	2,315	10,623	10,472
Cheese	'000 lb.	274	312	1,076	1,782
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	356	398	1,656	1,786
Jams	'000 lb.	70	41	352	284
Margarine	'000 lb.	108	106	594	513
Oatmeal	cwt.	5,385	3,274	26,296	15,580
Sauce - Tomato	pint	93,668	67,098	398,546	284,433
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	524	199	2,810	931
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	149	145	696	598
- Nitric	cwt.	30	20	146	76
- Sulphuric	ton	12,848	12,440	70,130	53,001
Cycles, Pedal	no.	828	975	3,176	3,511
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	120	121	653	645
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,929	1,996	9,588	9,631
- Woven Wire	no.	1,607	2,094	11,536	14,130
- Soft Filled	no.	3,853	3,605	17,112	17,600
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	70	119	324	505
Utilities (all types)	no.	26	32	112	169
Trailers (all types)	no.	27	28	119	92
Perambulators	no.	68	67	278	338

(a) October figures. November not available.

(b) Four months ended October.

